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State Representative Lon Burnam

Dist. 90

Lon Burnam, a resident of Tarrant County since 1953, attended the Fort Worth I.S.D. schools, K-12, and graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelors Degree in Government. He then earned his Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Burnam serves in the Texas House of Representatives, representing District 90 of Fort Worth. He is unopposed in his bid for re-election in 1998. He was appointed to the House Insurance Committee and the House Urban Affairs Committee at the beginning of his first session. During the 75th Legislative Session, he was successful in passing eleven pieces of legislation, including protection from released sex offender parolees and protection for consumers from the insurance industry.

Representative Burnam is the recipient of the 1997 "New Leadership for the Environment" Award from the Texas Chapter of the Sierra Club, which is given to an outstanding freshman legislator who displays leadership in protecting the environment. Representative Burnam was also recently named "Best Public Official" by the Fort Worth Weekly, which cited his local citizen committees and successful legislation during his first session.

Prior to being chosen by the voters of District 90, Burnam worked as a city planner helping to organize groups of community organizations of local residents in numerous efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and create new economic opportunities. In the mid-1980's, Burnam served as a Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator of the Texas Department of Human Services, assisting on various human services projects. He has served on numerous community boards and agencies. He currently serves as President of Citizens for Fair Utilities in Fort Worth, a group working for fairer utility costs and better environmental regulation. Burnam also serves as state chair of Peace Action - Texas.

Burnam is a self-employed consultant. He has been married to Carol Roark since 1979. They purchased a 1913 wood frame bungalow in the Fairmont neighborhood of Fort Worth in 1981, where together with their three cats, they make their home today.

